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Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Carol A. Wehle,
Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

Re: US Sugar/SFWMD Transaction – Purchase and Sale of +/- 180,000 acres


Dear Carol:

We are in receipt of your letter dated December 17, 2008 addressed to Robert H. Buker, Jr. regarding the above-referenced matter. In your December 17th letter, you requested a response to same by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2008. Unfortunately, because of legal requirements pertaining to our corporate powers and charter, we will need additional time to comply with your request. Consequently, we are respectfully requesting an extension of time through 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2008 to reply to your December 17th letter.

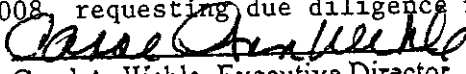
If you agree to our request for an extension of time, please acknowledge your agreement by signing below where indicated and returning this signed letter to us by facsimile at (863) 902-2120 or by e-mailing a scanned copy to ealmeida@ussugar.com.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,


Edward Almeida, Esq.
Vice President, Legal Affairs

* Acknowledged and agreed to this ____ day of December 2008: *We clearly understand your timing issue and have no concerns in granting your request. We will be sending a letter on Friday, December 19, 2008, requesting due diligence materials to review in keeping with Section 6a of the agreement. We would ask that you make every effort to deliver the requested materials by December 29, 2008, to provide the District with time to review it within the inspection period.

By: 
Carol A. Wehle, Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District

cc: Eric Buermann, Chairman, Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management
District (*via facsimile only - (305) 577-7001*)
Michael W. Sole, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (*via
facsimile only - (850) 245-2021*)
Robert H. Buker, Jr.

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